

REMARKS:

Applicant replies to the Office Action dated October 15, 2010, within two months. Claims 1-8 were pending in the application. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. Applicants cancel claims 4 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner states that claims 5-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant again thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5-7.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by previously cited Momosaki (U.S. Publication 2003/0047048). The Examiner further rejects Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Momosaki, in view of the previously cited Galindez (U.S. Patent 4,372,471). Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections, but to expedite prosecution, Applicant further amends the claims to further clarify the patentable subject matter.

For example, in amended claim 1,

(i) the scribing head has a scribing line forming mechanism including a first turning axis and a second turning axis, (accordingly, the scribing head includes within the interior thereof the first turning axis and the second turning axis,)

(ii) the scribing head is moving in a direction almost parallel to the substrate, and

(iii) the scribe line is formed in the same direction as the moving direction of the scribing head.

Applicants assert that many clear differences exist between the claimed invention and the cited references Momosaki and Galindez. For example, the claimed invention is construed in that the scribing head includes in its interior the two axes of the first turning axis and the second turning axis, and the scribing head forms a scribing line under the condition of moving approximately parallel to the substrate. Neither Momosaki, Galindez, nor any combination thereof, disclose or contemplate such a mode of the claimed invention.

Furthermore, claims 2-3 and 5-7 variously depend from independent claim 1. As such, Applicant asserts that claims 2-3 and 5-7 are differentiated from the cited references for the same reasons as set forth above, in addition to their own novel features.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims properly set forth that which Applicant regards as its invention and are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted,

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